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The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) invites media coverage of its first ever Cellular Symposium which will be held Thursday, March 2 at the Bushnell Center for the Performing Arts in Hartford. This event will start at 9:00 AM and will end at approximately 4:30 PM. A keynote luncheon will start at 12:00 PM.

This symposium forum is fashioned as a workshop involving discussions and presentations by cellular telephone industry experts relating to technical matters, land use issues, tower designs, and innovative methods of providing for network coverage. Other topics to be discussed will be a review of the economic impact of the wireless industry in society, emerging technologies likely be introduced in the coming years, and the role of the FCC as a federal regulatory agency.

The keynote speaker for the event will be Leslie Cauley, a telecommunications writer with *USA TODAY*. Ms. Cauley has been a business journalist for more than twenty years, spending nine years as a staff writer and editor for *The Wall Street Journal*. Ms. Cauley has been nominated for the Pulitzer Prize three times and is the author of *End of the Line: The Rise and Fall of AT&T* (Free Press, August 2005).

Audience members will include state lawmakers, chief elected officials of various cities and towns, and persons working in the wireless industry in various capacities. The keynote luncheon will begin at approximately 12:30 PM. Audio service (malt box) service will be available.

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The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) has jurisdiction to objectively balance the statewide public need for adequate and reliable services at the lowest reasonable cost to consumers with the need to protect the environment and ecology of the State. In addition to various forms of energy facilities, the Council's jurisdiction extends to specific forms of telecommunications infrastructure including telecommunications (cellular and PCS systems) towers owned or operated by the state, a public service company, intrastate telecommunications service providers, or used in a cellular system. The agency website is ct.gov/csc

